

REMARKS

The present application includes pending claims 1-48, all of which have been rejected. Claims 1, 15, 25, 30 and 35 have been amended.

Claims 1-9, 14-22, 25-27, 29-32, 34-44 and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 7,065,778 ("Lu"). Claims 10-13, 23-24, 28, 33 and 45-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lu in view of United States Patent No. 6,963,358 ("Cohen"). Without conceding that Lu qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reasons previously discussed during prosecution and the following:

The Applicants believe that the claims as previously recited are clearly allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons previously discussed. The Applicants in no way concede the propriety of the rejections of the claims as previously recited.

However, in order to expedite prosecution towards issuance, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, 25, 30 and 35. These claims have been amended in a similar fashion as the claims of copending Application No. 10/667,866 and copending Application No. 10/675,084. **See Notices of Allowance in Application Nos. 10/667,866 and 10/675,084.** The amendments to the claims of those two copending applications resulted in the claims being allowed over Lu. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request the claims of the present application be allowed for at least these reasons.

In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding the pending claims and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. The Applicants expressly reserve the right,

however, to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a future claim rejection).

The Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees, including the \$120 fee for the one month extension, or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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